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NEW FLAGS FOR ESTONIAN SSR AND TADZHIK SSR

[Comment: The Estonian and Tadzhik flags are the eighth and ninth union republic flags, respectively, to be changed within the past 16 months. Other flags to be changed were those of the Belorussian SSR, Uzbek SSR, Azerbaydzhan SSR, Armenian SSR, Kirgiz SSR, Kazakh SSR, and Latvian SSR.]

The new flags are more distinctive than the old, which were identical to that of the USSR except for minor details.]

NEW FLAG FOR ESTONIAN SSR -- Tallin, Sovetskaya Estoniya, 12 Feb 53

By a 6 February 1953 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Estonian SSR, changes in the state flag of the Estonian SSR have been decreed. The old flag was red, with a gold hammer and sickle in the upper left corner near the staff, and above them, the gold inscription ENVIS.

The new Estonian flag is red, with a blue undulating stripe, with two white stripes above it, forming along the length of the flag six pointed waves. The blue and white stripes make up three tenths of the width of the flag. The upper red stripe is half the width of the flag, and the lower red stripe is one fifth the width. In the upper left corner, at a distance one sixth the length from the staff, are a gold hammer and sickle, and above them, a red five-pointed star is outlined in gold. The over-all ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 116 of the Estonian Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

[A sketch of the new Estonian flag is not available for reproduction.]

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NEW FLAG FOR TADZHİK SSR -- Stalinabad, Kommunist Tadjhikistana, 22 Mar 53

By a 20 March 1953 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Tadjhik SSR, changes in the state flag of the Tadjhik SSR have been decreed. The old flag was red, with a gold hammer and sickle and the inscription Tadjhikskaya SSR in the upper left corner near the staff.

The new Tadjhik flag is made up of four horizontal stripes: an upper red stripe, occupying half the width of the flag; a white stripe, one fifth the width of the flag; a green stripe, one tenth the width of the flag; and the lower red stripe, one fifth the width. In the upper left corner near the staff are a gold hammer and sickle, and above them is a red five-pointed star. The over-all ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 132 of the Tadjhik Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

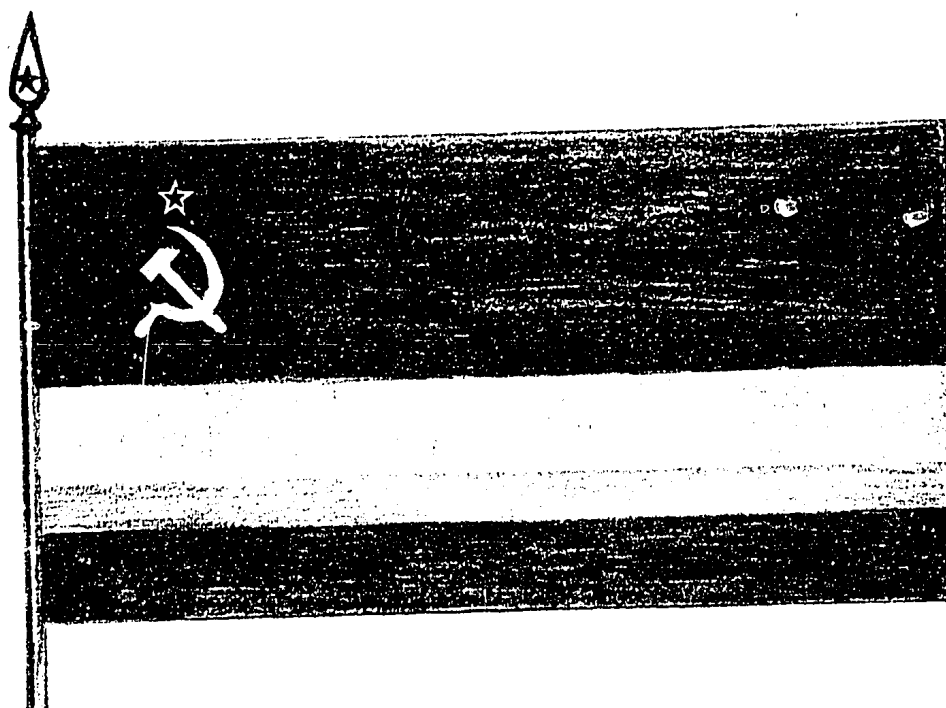
[A sketch of the new Tadjhik flag is appended.]

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